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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING
AN/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD
PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING
A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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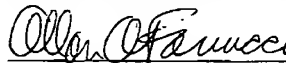
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